



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2006 – 6:30 pm

City Hall – 5th Floor Large Conference Room

Members Present: Norm Gritton, Bob Schwabe, Albert Figueroa, Nanci Hernandez, Marisol Ruiz, Wivory Brandle, Gurumantra Khalsa, Jay Dyer, David St. Pierre, Randy Akes, Jr., Taffi Romero, Paul Van Doren, Nancy Hart

Members Excused: Jacob Hernandez, Bruno DeBayona, Barbara Brown, Heather Troxel

Members Unexcused: Annette Martinez Lievanos, Erin House, Carolyn Hart, Dana Kruckenberg

Guests: Manny Leon, Paul Chavez, Lindsey Abercrombie,

Staff: Bruni Mercado

1. Call to Order/Introductions – 6:33pm

2. Approval of Minutes, January 9, 2006 - Approved

3. Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods - None

4. Subcommittee Reports – Changes to by-laws

- Term limits – clarification that there is no term limit for residential members was approved
- Runner Ups - Mayor's Nominating & Screening Committee to assist RNP members identify potential members was approved
- Absences were discussed again, 3 vs. 5 – 3 absences rule was approved effective 2/6/06

5. Subcommittee Reports – Nichols Park Mtg. Agenda

Flyer and proposed agenda was passed around. Panel idea was discussed and agreed upon. Most agreed setting of meeting should be relaxed and more intimate to help residents open up. Nichols Park, subcommittee will be scheduled to discuss further (2/21/06).

6. Measuring Effectiveness of RNP: Mayor's Night Out

Six RNP members attended last MNO! Gurumantra introduced RNP at MNO. Discussed who would go to next MNO, Nanci, Heather, Jay, Gurumantra, Norm

7. Other Business/Public Comment

- Manny Leon announced changes to Mayor's Night Out schedule at beginning of meeting
- Housing & Neighborhoods will fund name tags for RNP members
- Bruni announced important dates and deadlines for NPA and JBC Awards
- Volunteers for Neighborhood Pride Awards and Jack B. Clarke Award subcommittees were recruited. Subcommittees will schedule their own meetings.
- Nanci announced changes that would be occurring at Evergreen Cemetery. There will be a big community fundraising event, which coordinators need help with. People from other areas should attend in addition to people from the downtown area.
- Paul Chavez announced that judges would be in Casa Blanca on 2/8 at 7pm to discuss jail sentences due to concerns of lengthy jail sentences for young individuals.
- Randy Akes, Jr. officially resigned due to the Riverside Chamber's support of Eminent Domain. Will come to conference caucus later in the year.

8. Next Meeting: Monday, March 6, 2006 in 5th Floor Large Conference Room Thursday, March 9, 2006 at Nichols Park

9. Meeting adjourned

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